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SUBJECT: 63RD SESSION OF ECOSOC: FULL PLO MEMBERSHIP
IN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
(ECWA)

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1. WE DISCUSSED U.S. CONCERNS OVER ECWA RECOMMENDATION ON PLO MEMBERSHIP WITH OFFICIALS OF UN DEPARTMENT, FCO, JUNE 27. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION BASED ON TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTEL, WE ASKED FOR UK SUPPORT IN OPPOSING FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PLO IN ECWA AND PROPOSED THAT OUR DELEGATIONS CONSULT ON TACTICS AT ECOSOC MEETING IN GENEVA. REACTION WAS POSITIVE. OFFICIALS STATED UK DOES NOT THINK IT PROPER THAT PLO BE GRANTED FULL MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA.

2. ACCORDING TO JOHN SYMONS, DEPUTY HEAD, UN DEPT., THERE HAVE BEEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE IN NEW YORK. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT UN LEGAL ADVISER HAS GIVEN VERY INFORMAL OPINION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR PLO TO BE GRANTED FULL MEMBERSHIP. HE HAS REPORTEDLY
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SUGGESTED THAT SOME OTHER LESS FORMAL ARRANGEMENT SUCH AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR, HOWEVER, TO FCO HOW ISSUE WILL BE RAISED OR PLAYED OUT. LIKELY SCENARIO WILL BE ONE OF MAIN SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION WHEN UK UN MISSION OFFICIALS MEET WITH FCO LATER THIS WEEK FOR PRE-GENEVA BRIEFING.

3. SYMONS ASSURED US THAT UK DEL WILL BE "DELIGHTED" TO CONSULT WITH U.S. DEL ON TACTICS AND OBJECTIVES AT GEN-EVA. FCO FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO DEFUSE THIS ISSUE IF POSSIBLE IN ECOSOC RATHER THAN LETTING IT BE TAKEN UP IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. COMMENT: WHILE WE CAN COUNT ON STRONG SUPPORT OF UK ON THIS ISSUE WHEN IT IS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY ECOSOC, IT SEEMS LIKELY FROM SYMONS' COMMENTS THAT UK WILL BE QUITE WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME FORM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR PLO IN ORDER TO REACH AN EARLY AND HOPEFULLY NON-POLEMIC SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE.

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